

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 8, 2009.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Paul Joseph Fishman, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Patrick Gallagher, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—316) Page S10210

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10255.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SECURITIZATION OF ASSETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions, after receiving testimony from Patricia A. McCoy, University of Connecticut School of Law Insurance Law Center, Hartford; George P. Miller, American Securitization Forum, Andrew Davidson, Andrew Davidson and Co, and J. Christopher Hoeffel, Commercial Mortgage Securities Association, all of New

York, New York; and William W. Irving, Fidelity Investments, Smithfield, Rhode Island.

SATELLITE HOME VIEWER EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, after receiving testimony from Robert Gabrielli, DIRECTV, Inc., El Segundo, California; Stanton Dodge, DISH Network L.L.C., Englewood, Colorado; Paul A. Karpowicz, Meredith Broadcasting Group, Rocky Hill, Connecticut; and Lonna Thompson, Association of Public Television Stations, Arlington, Virginia.

CIVILIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the proposed agreement between the United States and the United Arab Emirates on civilian nuclear cooperation, after receiving testimony from Vann Van Diepen, Acting Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, and Janet Sanderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of State; and Harold McFarlane, Deputy Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Science and Technology, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy, on behalf of the International Nuclear Energy Academy.

AL-QAEDA AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Al-Qaeda, focusing on Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Peter Bergen, New American Foundation, Marc Sageman, Foreign Policy Research Institute, and Bob Grenier, all of Washington, D.C.

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the 2010 census, focusing on a status update of key decennial operations, the delivery of key IT systems, preliminary findings on the results of address canvassing and the lessons learned from that operation that can be applied to subsequent field operations, and the Bureau's progress in improving its cost estimation abilities, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Groves, Director, United States Census Bureau, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; and

Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and William E. Spriggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Labor, and Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

WORKPLACE FAIRNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine workplace fairness, after receiving testimony from Michael Foreman, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law Civil Rights Appellate Clinic, University Park; Michael

W. Fox, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak, and Stewart, P.C., Austin, Texas; Mark A. de Bernardo, Jackson Lewis, LLP, Washington D.C., on behalf of the Council for Employment Law Equity; Jamie Leigh Jones, Spring, Texas; and Jack Gross, Des Moines, Iowa.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Webb and Warner, Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Specter, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3736–3757; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 804–807, 809–813, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, and to expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees (H. Rept. 111–288) and

H. Res. 808, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, and to expand concurrent receipt of

military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees (H. Rept. 111–289).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Vaughn Baker, Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. **Page H10523**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:16 p.m. **Page H10539**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Carter announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H10540–42**

Privileged Resolution: Representative Carter rose to a question of the privileges of the House and offered H. Res. 805, raising a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Crowley moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the motion was agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 153 noes with 19 voting “present”, Roll No. 759, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 156 noes with 19 voting “present”, Roll No. 758. **Pages H10542–44**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, October 6th: